

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT
SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

IRVING H. PICARD, Trustee for the
Substantively Consolidated SIPA Liquidation of
Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC
and the Chapter 7 Estate of Bernard L. Madoff,

Plaintiff,

v.

BSI AG, individually and as a successor in
interest to BANCO DEL GOTTARDO AG,

Defendant.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (CGM)

SIPA LIQUIDATION

(Substantively Consolidated)

Adv. Pro. No. 12-01209 (CGM)

CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Plaintiff Irving H. Picard, as trustee (the “Trustee”) for the substantively consolidated liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa–*lll*, and the Chapter 7 estate of Bernard L. Madoff

individually, and defendant BSI AG, individually and as an alleged successor in interest to Banco Del Gottardo AG (“BSI” and, together with the Trustee, the “Parties”, each individually, a “Party”), by and through their respective undersigned counsel, hereby submit the following Case Management Plan pursuant to Rules 16 and 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (the “Federal Rules”), made applicable under Rules 7016 and 7026 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

1. Relevant Procedural History.

a. On March 23, 2012, the Trustee commenced the above-captioned adversary proceeding in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Bankruptcy Court”) by filing a complaint against BSI. *Picard v. BSI AG, individually and as a successor in interest to BANCO DEL GOTTARDO AG*, Adv. Pro. No. 12-01209, ECF No. 1.

b. On April 7, 2022, the Bankruptcy Court entered a Stipulation and Order granting the filing of the amended complaint. *Id.*, ECF No. 115.

c. On April 8, 2022, the Trustee filed the amended complaint. *Id.*, ECF No. 116.

d. On February 28, 2023, BSI filed an answer and affirmative defenses. *Id.*, ECF No. 145.

2. Fact Discovery Plan.

a. Fact Discovery Cut-Off. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties or ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, all fact discovery is to be completed by October 27, 2025 (the “Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date”).

b. Initial Disclosures. The Parties do not propose any changes in initial disclosures required under Federal Rule 26(a)(1)(A) (the “Initial Disclosures”). The Parties agree that they shall serve such Initial Disclosures as required under Federal Rule 26 on or before 60 days after the filing of this Case Management Plan.

c. Subjects on Which Discovery May Be Needed. The Parties contemplate that fact and expert discovery will be needed on asserted claims and defenses.

d. Foreign Discovery. The Trustee anticipates the need for discovery located outside of the United States, including from individuals and entities that may have been affiliated with BSI. To obtain discovery from these individuals and entities, the Trustee will comply with the relevant discovery rules of the applicable jurisdiction, the Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or Commercial Matters, and/or any other internationally recognized means of obtaining cross-border discovery, including but not limited to, letters rogatory (collectively, “International Discovery”). To the extent the Parties avail themselves of International Discovery procedures, they will not be deemed to have waived, prejudiced, or otherwise altered their rights to conduct discovery under the Federal Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York (the “Local Bankruptcy Rules”), or other applicable domestic rules. To the extent that responses to International Discovery are not received or deposition/examinations have been requested but have not occurred by the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date, the Parties agree to seek reasonable extensions of the deadlines set forth herein. BSI reserves all rights and does not waive any arguments as to how discovery will be conducted.

e. Form of Certain Discovery. The Trustee intends to utilize one or more electronic data rooms to affirmatively make available millions of documents related to the Trustee’s claims. The Trustee’s use of such data rooms will be governed by all applicable orders and rules.

f. Document Requests. The Parties may serve requests for documents on or before 60 days before the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date.

g. Interrogatories. The Parties may serve Interrogatories in accordance with the rules and limitations articulated in Local Bankruptcy Rule 7033-1.

h. Requests For Admission. The Parties may serve Requests for Admission on or before 60 days before the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date.

i. Limitations on Discovery. The Trustee maintains that limitations on written discovery will be governed by the Federal Rules and that the Federal Rules and the Litigation Protective Order (ECF No. 4137) entered in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789, on June 6, 2011, as modified by the Order Modifying the June 6, 2011 Litigation Protective Order (ECF No. 5474) (the “LPO”), provide a sufficient mechanism for addressing discovery disputes in this proceeding. BSI maintains that there are certain limitations on discovery imposed by foreign law in addition to those established by the Federal Rules, including but not limited to restrictions on BSI’s ability to disclose certain information under Articles 162, 271 and 273 of the Swiss Criminal Code, Article 47 of the Swiss Banking Act, the Swiss Data Protection Act, and Swiss employment law. The Parties may agree on certain limitations on discovery or may file an application with the Court for good cause.

j. Production of Privileged Materials. The Parties acknowledge that the production of privileged or work product protected documents is not a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d). Nothing contained in this paragraph is intended to or shall serve to limit a Party’s right to conduct a review of documents, including electronically stored information, for relevance, responsiveness, and/or privileged and/or protected status.

k. Depositions. All depositions of fact witnesses must be completed by the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date. Depositions shall proceed concurrently, with no Party having priority. The Parties will endeavor to conclude the majority of depositions within the seven (7) hours provided by Federal Rule 30(d)(1), although the Parties acknowledge that there may be certain

depositions of fact witnesses with knowledge of issues common to multiple Avoidance Actions (as defined below) that cannot be concluded within this time limit. For any such witness, the Parties will attempt in good faith to agree to reasonable expansions of the seven (7) hour time limit as appropriate and failing agreement either Party may apply to the Court for an expansion of this time limit.

To the extent the deposition of any fact witness raises common issues relevant to another avoidance action related to the above-captioned case (Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789) (the “Avoidance Action(s)”), in which fact discovery has not closed, the Parties shall coordinate such depositions with the witness and defendants in such Avoidance Actions to maximize efficiency and use of resources to the extent reasonably practicable. The Parties shall confer in good faith and provide notice of such depositions under the Federal Rules, including the date, time, and location of any such depositions, to all relevant Parties. In a coordinated deposition, the limitations set forth in Federal Rule 30(d)(1) shall not necessarily apply, and the Parties shall agree on an appropriate duration for the deposition. Such depositions shall not prejudice or preclude the Trustee from additional depositions of such witness in Avoidance Actions in which initial disclosures have not been made and discovery is not open. The Parties agree that they will work in good faith to identify the requisite number of each Party’s deponents and depositions. Depositions of Irving H. Picard himself are prohibited absent an order issued by this Court upon a showing of good cause.

All depositions of the Trustee’s own party and non-party witnesses shall be conducted at the offices of Baker & Hostetler LLP, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10111, or such other location as the Parties may agree.

Nothing contained in this Case Management Plan shall be deemed or construed to be a waiver of any Party’s right to take a deposition, including of a witness that has been deposed in a coordinated deposition, or to object to the taking of the deposition of a particular witness.

3. Expert Discovery Plan. Within 30 days prior to the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date, the Parties agree to meet and confer in good faith on the need for and timing of expert discovery. The Parties further agree to submit a proposed Amended Case Management Plan that addresses expert discovery in this action prior to the Fact Discovery Cut-Off Date.

4. Manner of Production of Discovery Materials. The Parties may produce discovery on a CD-ROM, flash drive, portable hard drive, in an electronic data room, or other similar electronic format. Given the volume of documentation that may be subject to disclosure in this matter, the Parties may produce a summary report, such as an expert report, and provide access to the underlying documentation on which the summary report relies in an electronic data room or other medium for review by the Parties. Information and documents produced or made available electronically shall, to the extent reasonably feasible:

- (i) be text searchable;
- (ii) provide data and image load files necessary to review the documents on search platforms (*e.g.*, Summation, Concordance, Relativity) upon request of either Party;
- (iii) provide any system-created or non-privileged captured objective metadata, such as date fields, author fields, custodian fields, path to native file, etc.;
- (iv) be organized, such as by date, custodian, or subject matter, as maintained in the ordinary course of business or (in the case of information obtained by the Trustee from third parties) as organized by the Trustee;
- (v) provide additional formats of production, metadata, or native documents if requested by either Party.

The Parties shall meet and confer first in a good faith attempt to resolve any dispute, including to the extent Defendants determine they are unable to comply with the foregoing requirements based on the age and condition of the electronically stored information, the systems on which such information was created, stored and/or maintained, or otherwise.

5. Confidentiality. The Litigation Protective Order (ECF No. 4137) entered in *Sec. Inv. Prot. Corp. v. Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec. LLC (In re Bernard L. Madoff Inv. Sec., LLC)*, Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789, on June 6, 2011, as modified by the Order Modifying the June 6, 2011 Litigation Protective Order (ECF No. 5474), shall govern the disclosure of confidential information in this proceeding, except to the extent that the same has been modified by subsequent orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

6. Discovery Arbitrator. The Parties may agree to the appointment of a mediator to govern discovery disputes that they are unable to resolve by meeting and conferring.

7. Prospects For Settlement, Including Whether A Settlement Conference Should Be Scheduled. The Parties believe that it would be premature to schedule a settlement conference at this time.

8. Trial. The Parties propose that they will confer with each other and the Court at the conclusion of all discovery to schedule a final pretrial conference and trial date.¹

[Signatures on following page]

¹ BSI demands a trial by jury on all issues that may be tried by a jury and does not consent to entry of final orders or judgment by the Bankruptcy Court.

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**Hon. Cecelia G. Morris
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge**